Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update
(as of April 30, 2012)

In the November 2000 general election, Coloradans passed Amendment 20, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) was tasked with implementing and administering the Medical Marijuana Registry program. In March of 2001, the State of Colorado Board of Health approved the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the administration of the program, and on June 1, 2001, the Registry began accepting and processing applications for registry identification cards.

Statistics of the registry include:

- 177,908 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. The total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards is 96,709.
- Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 42. Currently forty-eight patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-six percent of patients reside in the Denver-metro area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas & Jefferson counties), with the remainder of patients residing in counties throughout Colorado.
- Patients on the registry represent all the debilitating conditions covered under Amendment 20. Severe pain accounts for 94 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 17 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Fifty-three percent of patients have designated a primary care-giver (someone who has significant responsibility for managing the care of a patient with a debilitating medical condition).
- More than 900 different physicians have signed for current patients in Colorado.

Please see the attached tables for a complete listing of all statistical information.

As of October 27, 2008 all applications, renewals and changes to the registry must be submitted via mail and include a legible photo copy of the patient's Colorado identification. Faxes and emails are not accepted.

No general funds have been designated for this program. The Colorado Constitution authorizes CDPHE to collect fees to cover the costs of administering the program. Currently the fee is $35, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from $110 on June 1, 2007, and was again lowered from $90 on January 1, 2012.

Table I: County Information

County	Number of Patients	Percent of Patients
Adams	6,967	7%
Alamosa	253	<1%
Arapahoe	8,992	9%
Archuleta	347	<1%
Baca	45	<1%
Bent	43	<1%
Boulder	8,670	9%
Broomfield	967	1%
Chaffee	511	1%
Cheyenne	24	<1%
Clear Creek	402	<1%
Conejos	93	<1%
Costilla	137	<1%
Crowley	81	<1%
Custer	98	<1%
Delta	521	1%
Denver	14,984	15%
Dolores	58	<1%

Douglas	2,925	3%
Eagle	989	1%
El Paso	12,932	13%
Elbert	278	<1%
Fremont	995	1%
Garfield	1,286	1%
Gilpin	362	<1%
Grand	302	<1%
Gunnison	317	<1%
Hinsdale	18	<1%
Huerfano	179	<1%
Jackson	19	<1%
Jefferson	10,813	11%
Kiowa	14	<1%
Kit Carson	59	<1%
La Plata	1,626	2%
Lake	188	<1%
Larimer	5,098	5%
Las Animas	218	<1%
Lincoln	47	<1%
Logan	177	<1%
Mesa	2,037	2%
Mineral	9	<1%
Moffat	206	<1%
Montezuma	599	1%
Montrose	610	1%
Morgan	183	<1%
Otero	209	<1%
Ouray	108	<1%
Park	676	1%
Phillips	32	<1%
Pitkin	644	1%
Prowers	81	<1%
Pueblo	2,554	3%
Rio Blanco	68	<1%
Rio Grande	144	<1%
Routt	859	1%
Saguache	217	<1%
San Juan	19	<1%
San Miguel	296	<1%
Sedgwick	16	<1%
Summit	942	1%
Teller	841	1%
Washington	59	<1%
Weld	3,186	3%
Yuma	79	<1%

* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

Reported Condition	Number of Patients Reporting Condition	Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**
Cachexia	1,191	1%
Cancer	2,510	3%
Glaucoma	1,007	1%
HIV/AIDS	617	1%
Muscle Spasms	16,532	17%
Seizures	1,615	2%
Severe Pain	90,639	94%
Severe Nausea	11,258	12%

**Does not add to 100% as some patients report using medical marijuana for more than one debilitating medical condition.

Table III: User Characteristics

Sex	Percent on Registry	Average Age**
Male	68%	41
Female	32%	43

** The overall average age of all patients is 42 years old.